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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) AND PUERTO RICO:

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REF: A. STATE 204749 (NOTAL); B. USUN 3428 (NOTAL)

1. TIMING. AUSTRALIAN AND NORWEGIAN UN MISSIONS AND SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL NOW ESTIMATE THAT THE C-24 MAY NOT BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEK BEGINNING AUGUST 30 OR THE FOLLOWING WEEK. C-24 CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) IS NOW EXPECTED BACK IN NEW YORK ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, AND A C-24 BUREAU MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 30, TO DECIDE HOW TO DEAL WITH THE MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS ITEMS AND HOW AND WHEN TO TAKE UP PUERTO RICO.

2. VOTE ESTIMATE. THERE FOLLOWS OUR LATEST ESTIMATE ON HOW C-24 MEMBERS WOULD VOTE ON A MOTION TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO, WHICH WOULD FOLLOW STATEMENTS BY THE VARIOUS INDEPENDISTA GROUPS AND CUBA, ET AL, AND THE SUBSEQUENT TABLING OF A RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, AND OUR ESTIMATE OF HOW C-24 MEMBERS WOULD VOTE ON A TOUCH CUBAN-INSPIRED RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO.

COUNTRY	POSTPONEMENT	HOSTILE RESOLUTION
AFGHANISTAN	Y	N-
AUSTRALIA	Y	N
BULGARIA	N	Y
CHILE	Y	N
CHINA	NP	NP
CONGO	N	Y
CUBA	N	Y
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	N	Y
ETHIOPIA	A(PLUS)	A-
FIJI	Y	N
INDIA	Y-	A
INDONESIA	Y	N-
IRAN	Y	N
IRAQ	N	Y
IVORY COAST	Y	N
MALI	N	Y
NORWAY	Y	N
SIERRA LEONE	Y	N
SYRIA	N	Y

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TANZANIA	N(PLUS)	Y(PLUS)
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	A(PLUS)	A
TUNISIA	Y-	A
USSR	N	Y
YUGOSLAVIA	A-	A-

TOTAL 11-9-2-1 (NP) 9-9-5-1 (NP)

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3. RECOMMENDATIONS. IT IS THE OPINION OF BOTH THE AUSTRALIAN AND NORWEGIAN UN MISSIONS THAT THE US SHOULD HOLD OFF ANY FURTHER FORMAL DEMARCHES UNTIL THERE ARE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE C-24. USUN AGREES WITH THAT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

-- WE RECOMMEND THAT THOSE DEMARCHES RECOMMENDED IN REF A, BUT NOT YET MADE, SHOULD BE MADE ASAP.

-- IN LIGHT OF THE KEY ROLE THAT SYRIA IS LIKELY TO PLAY (REF B) AND THE EVOLUTION OF US-SYRIAN RELATIONS, USUN RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ANOTHER TRY IN DAMASCUS.
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